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Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) / Amendment

Dear Sir.

Attached is a marked up version of currently amended claims on a separate sheet as requested. Applicants apologize for any examiner inconvenience.

Applicants have canceled claims 5 and 6.

Applicants further argue that U.S. Pat. No. 6,395,167 to Mattson does not teach an axial aligned chemical chamber, as does the present invention. The axial aligned chemical chamber allows for a smaller housing. The axial aligned chemical chamber is easier to remove.

Applicants therefore, respectfully request that the examiner leave claim 18 as original instead of currently amended.

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Respectfully,

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Market Up Currently Amended Claims

1. (Currently amended) In combination with a whirlpool bathtub, said whirlpool bathtub having a tub, the tub having an inside surface, a closed loop plumbing system, a housing assembly component, a water pump and an output jet, a suction and purification device comprising: a porous faceplate having a chemical dispenser; said porous faceplate having drainage openings in the lower peripheral edge; and wherein said chemical dispenser is in PAGE 3/3* RCVD AT 2/18/2005 2:11:37 PM [Eastern Standard Time]* SVR:USPTO-EFXRF-1/3* DNIS:8729306 * CSID:303 776 0489 * DURATION (mm-sspars)

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